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MEMORANDUM ON SUITABLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

REFS : (A) STATE 35108; (B) EC BRUSSELS 1473

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN AIDE-MEMOIRE PREPARED BY EC COMMISSION REPRESENTING VIEWS OF COMMISSIONER FOR ENERGY BRUNNER'S STAFF ON SUITABLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY DIRECTORS GENERAL SCHUSTER AND WILLIAMS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: " VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

AIDE-MEMOIRE ON SUITABLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A VISIT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT THE PRESENT STAGE WHEN THE ENERGY POLICY OF THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION IS STILL BEING FORMULATED. NO DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED, THOUGH
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IT IS HOPED THAT THE VISIT WILL LAY A FOUNDATION FOR CLOSE AND FRUITFUL RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

"THERE ARE ALREADY A NUMBER OF EXISTING LINKS -
US MISSION IN BRUSSELS, COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, IEA, CIEC GROUPS, TWICE YEARLY US/COMMISSION CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON ALL SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENERGY. IT IS FOR DISCUSSION WHETHER ANY FURTHER LINKS WOULD BE USEFUL

AND, IN PARTICULAR, WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE NEW LINKS ON R AND D AND NUCLEAR SUBJECTS (GOING FURTHER THAN THE OLD JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP).

"SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT BE

(A) ENERGY SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY AND PRESENT STATE OF EC ENERGY POLICY (INCLUDING R AND D), THE RECORD SINCE 1973, FUTURE AIMS.

(B) CURRENT US ENERGY POLICY THINKING.

(C) NUCLEAR PROBLEMS:

- URANIUM SUPPLY

- NON-PROLIFERATION VERSUS THE NEED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY - THE POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF REPROCESSING FOR EUROPE

- IAEA RELATIONS

- PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE

- POSSIBLE US/COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN STRATEGIC FIELDS OF COMMON INTEREST, IN PARTICULAR REACTOR SAFETY, SAFEGUARDS, FUEL MANAGEMENT, FUEL REPROCESSING, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND NEW GENERATIONS OF REACTORS.

(D) OIL:

- FUTURE OF OIL SUPPLY AND OIL PRICES

(E) IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY SAVING - MAIN AREAS ON WHICH WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORT.

(F) SPECIFIC R AND D/PILOT PROJECT COLLABORATION (SUPPLEMENTING IAE WORK) EG.:

- COAL GASIFICATION

- OFFSHORE OIL TECHNOLOGY

- NUCLEAR QUESTIONS (SEE ABOVE), INCLUDING FUSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- SYSTEMS MODELLING (PROPOSED BY BROOKHAVEN LAB.)

- ENERGY CONSERVATION (JOINT SYMPOSIUM ?)

(G) CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION:

- CONTINUING CONSULTATION

- FUTURE RELATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCERS

- FUTURE OF OIL PRICES

- TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

- INVESTMENT ASSURANCE

(H) FURTHER POINTS MIGHT BE:

- FORECAST LEVEL OF OIL AND GAS IMPORTS INTO THE US

- MSP.

"WE SHALL WANT TO STRESS THAT, THOUGH NATURALLY WE DO NOT WISH IN ANY WAY TO INTERFERE WITH OR DIMINISH DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE US ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, THERE IS A SPECIFIC COMMUNITY DIMENSION TO MOST QUESTIONS AND THERE WILL BE MUTUAL VALUE IN THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, ON APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS, DEALING WITH THE COMMUNITY

AS A WHOLE. WE STRONGLY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN AN AREA
WHICH IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE
WELL-BEING OF BOTH COMMUNITIES."

END TEXT

3. COMMENT: FOREGOING AIDE MEMOIRE WAS PASSED TO
US BY OFFICE OF BRUNNER'S CHEF DE CABINET MOELLER AS
A "NON PAPER." WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PAPER WAS
DRAFTED WITH CONSIDERABLE CARE TO AVOID ANY POSSI-
BILITY THAT THE EC MEMBER STATES WOULD REGARD IT AS IMPINGING
ON THEIR INTERESTS, WERE IT TO COME TO THEIR ATTENTION.
WE NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE,
IN SECOND SENTENCE THE CAUTIONARY STATEMENT THAT "NO
DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED." NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE
REASON TO KNOW THAT COMMISSIONER BRUNNER DOES IN FACT HOPE
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TO REACH SOME UNDERSTANDINGS WITH US ON ENERGY PROJECTS
AND THAT HE REGARDS VISIT BY WILLIAMS AND SCHUSTER AS
ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. HINTON

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